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Man charged in temple bomb threat case

LOS ANGELES – A Los Angeles man accused of calling in bomb threats to the Wilshire Boulevard Temple was charged by the District Attorney's Office today with making malicious false bomb reports and vandalism of religious property. The charges were alleged to be hate crimes.

The streets around the temple at 3663 Wilshire Blvd. were shut down for several hours early yesterday after reports were telephoned in that there were bombs in a police car parked next to the temple. No bombs were found, but anti-Semitic graffiti was scrawled on a wooden construction wall on temple property.

Los Angeles Police Department Anti-Terrorist officers arrested Wan Ryung Song, 46 (dob 10/6/1966), who remains in custody. He is scheduled to appear in Los Angeles Superior Court Department 30 tomorrow for arraignment.

Authorities said Song was at a spa about two blocks away from the temple.

Song was charged in case No. BA 405935 with four felony counts of malicious informing of a false bomb. It was alleged all four counts were hate crimes. A fifth felony count of vandalism of religious property also alleged that it was a hate crime.

The complaint additionally alleged three prior felony convictions including one a year ago of making criminal threats. Bail was recommended at \$170,000.

The case was filed by Deputy District Attorney Deborah L. Kranze of the Central Complaints Division. It has not yet been assigned to a prosecutor.